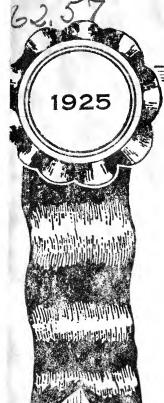
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## To Our Patrons

ARE SENDING this, our 1925 catalogue, to all lovers of our favorite flower, the Dahlia. We trust in it you will find something of interest.

If in the past season you have received tubers, not true to name, kindly advise us, and we will rectify the mistake.

When we cannot supply a tuber ordered, we shall cancel the order rather than purchase and send out something we are not sure is true. If you care to have us substitute to the best of our ability, kindly advise when ordering.

To avoid disappointment, order early. All orders filled in rotation as received. We begin shipping about April fifteenth, and finish some time in May, 1925. We will not guarantee any tubers shipped before April 1st to have eyes, but will select, to the best of our ability, strong tubers, that should develop good eyes, for those who wish to propagate.

All orders taken at Fairs and Exhibitions, and not paid for, are shipped C. O. D. To these we add a postage and packing charge of 25c, but always add an extra tuber of that value or more.

We grow a great many varieties of which we have not enough stock to list. If there are some kinds which you wish and do not find in the catalogue, write, perhaps we may be able to supply them.

If tubers are not satisfactory when received return at once, and we will replace or refund your money. Remember that the size of the tuber makes no difference, as a small tuber will give as fine flowers as a large one and sometimes better.

If a tuber does not come up within two weeks after planting, dig carefully, and if there is no sign of a sprout, return it. If the fault is ours, we will gladly replace it.

If package is received in a damaged condition, open it at once in the presence of carrier, and make claim with your Postmaster or Express Agent for any loss or damage of tubers. Our liability ceases when package is placed in the hands of the Post Office or Express Co., but we will use every effort to have your claim settled at once.

BE SURE AND READ LAST PAGE BEFORE PLANTING.

#### BLUE RIBBON DAHLIA COMPANY,

E. A. and W. T. ANDREWS.

#### AN APOLOGY

WE REGRET TO SAY THAT WE HAVE A VERY POOR MEMORY FOR NAMES, AND WISH OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS WOULD GREET US AT THE SHOWS SOMETHING LIKE THIS: "HELLO, MR. ANDREWS, I AM MR. BLANK, OF CHICAGO." I THANK YOU.

E. A. ANDREWS.

# Special Offers

One dozen named Dahlias all different, our selection	\$5.00
One dozen named Dahlias all different, our selection, better grade than the first lot	10.00
The two above selections, no two alike	15.00
We guarantee the above to be double value of amount sent, or money refunded.  One each, Allannah, Alpine Wonder, Aman Ra and Bashful Giant	5.00
One each Bashful Giant, Champagne, Daddy Butler, El Dorado, E. T. Bedford and Hercules	10.00
One each, Don Williams, Doris Clark, El Granada and Glory of California	15.00
One each, Gay Paree, Grenadier, Doris Clark, Mabel B. Thatcher, MacGreagor, Daddy Butler, Maid of the Mist and Moonlight	20.00
One each, Grenadier, Mabel B. Thatcher, T. A. Leonard, Mrs. Elsie Oliver, Mrs. J. M. Root and Siskiyou	25.00
One each, Bashful Giant, Champagne, Daddy Butler, Doris Clark, Don Williams, El Dorado, Mac-Greagor, Mabel B. Thatcher, Maid of the Mist, Mrs. J. M. Root, Siskiyou, Sunkist, Sunny California, Uncle Sam, Water Lily, Welcome, Wm. Andrews and World's Best White	50.00
One each, to the value of \$130, your selection of catalogue	100.00
We will add extra value to the above, if order is received, with remittance, on or before January 15th, 1925.	
One tuber or plant of every variety listed in this catalog for	150.00

Abbreviations: C.—Cactus; H. C.—Hybrid Cactus; D.—Decorative; P.—Peony; S.—Show.
Albert Ward. D.—An immense flower on long stems, profuse bloomer color deep purple. The most attractive flower of this color in our show grounds
good stem and profuse bloomer through the season
Amun Ra. D.—An immense flower of an entirely new formation, resembles color of setting sun. Gorgeous shade of copper and orange Stems long and stout. Good bloomer
Ambassador. C.—This we believe is the best cactus so far. An enormous full flower on absolutely erect stem, the flower seeming to look right at you. Colors soft yellow-buff shaded salmon pink. Judged the best and most artistic dahlia. Insulinde running second\$4.00
Arrow of Gold. D.—This most beautiful novelty is a refined blossom of pure gold, deepening in the center and shading to a golden apriced and amber at the outer petals. The immense deep blooms are held erect on long stiff stems, making it a wonderful variety for cutting and exhibiting. Originator's description
Azalea. D.—A big bloom formed of many rows of long, narrow florets giving it an unusually attractive, as well as uncommon shape. The color is soft, creamy yellow, and the outer row of petals is tinged pink
Ballet Girl. C.—A flower difficult to describe. It is sometimes orange with a white edge, then again, white shading to orange, or white edge orange, and at times pure orange. All the blooms are very beautiful and attract the attention and admiration of every visitor to the garden
Bashful Giant. D.—This is unquestionably the largest flowering dahlia ever produced; the gigantic blooms are excellent for exhibition where size is one of the requisites; it is also of great merit for its beautiful color, being an apricot with golden shadings. Should be in every exhibition collection. Flowers are produced on stout stems like all the other Marean creations
Bertha Horne. H. C.—Deep orange yellow tinted with apricot. A large free blooming dahlia on firm and erect stems, keeps exceptionally well when cut. This variety has now been thoroughly tried out both in the East and in California, and is rapidly becoming a popular florists' cut
flower

Ronita Helena. C.—One of our own seedlings, of which we are justly
proud. A perfect cactus, always full to the center, low growing plant
and a profuse bloomer, long stem, color, a beautiful yellow, often
tinged pink\$2.50
California Superba—One of the largest pink Dahlias. An immense bloom
of a delicate shade of pink, without any blue, shading gradually into
a white center\$2.50
Champagne—One of the largest Dahlias ever originated. A massive flower
standing upright on a long stiff stem. Coloring is rare—a dull golden
varying to chamois and showing more color later in the season. The
tall bushes covered with these immense blooms command attention.
This unusually colored Dahlia is excellent for exhibition and cut-
ting\$3.50
Christine Evers. P—Beautiful lavender rose, reverse of petals much
deeper, stems two to three feet long, a profuse bloomer, and good
keeper\$1.00
Cigarette. H. C.—More vividly colored than the Ballet Girl, best de-
scribed as creamy white, edged orange, no two flowers alike, bloom
large, good stem\$3.00
Cinderella. H. C.—An immense, deep, full flower of incurving formation.
The sturdy, tall bushes are always covered with flowers on long stems,
which stand up and look you in the face. Flowers which are full
to the center even late in the autumn\$5.00
Clarissa-Blanco. D.—Deep claret wine color, sometimes coming half white,
again pink or flesh color. A most beautiful Dahlia, no collection com-
plete without it
Constancy. D.—This large flower is of a most unusual shade of very
deep, glowing pink. The stems are perfect, long and strong, and the
flowers keep their center throughout the entire season. A very lively
shade that brings out the beauty of other pinks in decorating\$3.50
Daddy Butler. H. C.—This is a large hybrid cactus of the truest form for
exhibition. The many petals are perfectly rolled. The color is of the
American Beauty rose shades, or rosy carmine. The reverse of the
petals is a lighter tint, giving a variation of color. We know of no
other Dahlia like it. Stem is perfect and we never grew a Dahlia
which was a heavier producer of blossoms. Keeps well when
cut\$2.50
David Sherk. D.—This very fine Dahlia, which we are putting on the mar-
ket for the originator, was one of the attractions of our show
grounds. It is a deep full flower, white and pink, on a good stem,
and is a profuse bloomer. As we now have a good stock, can offer it
for a low price\$3.00
Dakota. D.—An extraordinary exhibition flower, as impressive in the gar-
den as in the exhibition rooms; enormous flowers standing erect on
strong, stout stems, facing the garden boldly. The color may be de-
scribed as being the shade of flame; it is a powerful flower, distinct
and a prize-winner. Vigorous grower in the extreme and a very free

.....\$1.00

bloomer .....

We will give a \$5.00 selection of tubers for the best flower exhibited at any Dahlia Show next fall. Must be at least two entries.

- Earle Williams. D.—So named after the movie star. This is a giant flowering Dahlia, we have grown it as large as 12 inches in diameter. The colors of brilliant crimson and white are well distributed. Plants are very free in bloom. This is one of the finest and most attractive Dahlias ever introduced......\$3.50
- El Dorado. D.—Size, stem and color of this variety are of the best. Picture a low-growing bush with immense golden blooms which stand up and look you in the face, and you have El Dorado. A strong feature of this beauty is, the depth corresponds to the size. It has greater substance than any variety we have ever seen. And, then, there is the wonderful exclusive color—we say exclusive, because we have never seen a blossom of such vivid gold coloring, which is emphasized by the deeper tones at the base of the petals......\$5.00

- E. T. Bedford. D.—One of the finest exhibition flowers, purple with lighter shadings, blooms often measure 10 inches without forcing. Profuse bloomer .......\$2.50

Gee Whiz—Of large size and pleasing shape. The color is a soft buff shaded with salmon; a Dahlia that always comes perfectly double, never shows an open center\$1.00
Glory of California—This great introduction is undoubtedly the largest
yellow hybrid cactus Dahlia ever introduced. The immense blossoms
of a clear, golden yellow are held perfectly erect on extra long stiff
stems. This Dahlia received first prize when a seedling at the annual
exhibition of the California Floral Society. We take great pleasure
in introducing this wonderful Dahlia. Plants\$3.00. Tubers, \$7.50
Grenadier. D.—If you saw this Dahlia growing you would want it, as it
stands alone in color and form. It is easy to say it is different but
another thing to describe that difference. It is a purplish maroon
shade combined with silver. The petals on one side are purple and
the other pale silver. Owing to the out of the way construction, the
flower shows both colors. The petals quill and turn back, and the
whole construction is unique. It is a monster flower and very deep.
The stems are heavy and hold up the blooms at all times. They are
very lengthy and grow right out of the bushes without a leaf. It has
a delightful fashion of producing flowers liberally. We have not a
very large stock of this Dahlia, and everybody who saw it ordered it,
so we are obliged to limit the sales. Plants only\$4.00
Hercules. D.—Quilled, of enormous size, the beautifully colored flowers
carried proudly on long, stout stem; color tangerine and deep yellow,
the reverse of the petals is shaded tangerine and they are so placed
that they blend in a most attractive way with the deep yellow of the
flower. Exceptionally free bloomer\$2.50
Hallowe'en. D.—Buff-yellow, shaded orange-bronze, in color this is very
similar to "King of Autumn," but produces flowers fully twice as
large and many more of them; the flowers are held perfectly erect on
the finest possible stems. This is an extra strong grower of branching
habit, and should be planted five feet apart to be seen at its best, 6 ft.
Tubers, each\$1.00
Italian Prince. D.—Coral red, with golden yellow suffusion\$1.00
Jersey's King. D.—A fine grower, the immense flowers of carmine toning
to old rose being carried on long, stiff stems. Certificates of Merit
A. D. S., 1922. Tubers\$2.50
Jersey's Beauty. D.—The most distinctive new Dahlia shown in the East
and the finest pink Dahlia in existence, a real rose pink of excellent
conformation and borne on a wonderful stem\$5.00
Jersey's Jewel—A monstrous large-petalled Decorative of mallow pink.
An outstanding blossom no matter where exhibited\$5.00
Jersey's Queen. D.—A pastel shade of old rose that is a joy to behold;
flowers of large size held well above the foliage on long, stiff stems;
ideal for exhibition, as it is a fine keeper. Certificate of Merit, A. D.
S., 1922. Tubers\$2.50
J. D. Long 1923—A thrifty robust plant, growing to a height of six feet
and producing fine large blooms of great substance, holding well
through the hottest weather. Flowers are always full and well

- Lady Betty. D.—One of the daintiest Dahlias in existence, profuse bloomer of a creamy white with a pinkish suffusion spread as a haze over the flower ......\$3.00

- Lucy Davis. D.—The flowers are large, yet giving no impression of coarseness so often met in some of the late large Dahlias. The form is that of the perfect Decorative type. Stems are long—often 18 inches, yet strong and wiry. The plant is a strong, robust grower and a prolific root maker. Color, rich golden apricot, clear and without shading. A color pleasing in both day or evening light......\$1.00
- Mabel Thatcher. D.—Large flowers of a pale yellow shade, are borne on stiff, strong stems; they are of the finest type and considered the highest perfection attained in this shade......\$2.50
- MacGregor. H. C.—The flowers are large and full and carried on long, strong, upright stems. Color is spectrum red, an unusual color, and particularly beautiful in a flower; base of petals is lemon yellow. The foliage is as wonderful as the blossom, and it appears to be one of the few Dahlias that is not affected by insect pests. For decorative purposes it is unsurpassed, and it keeps particularly well when cut, and this trait, combined with its dazzling beauty, places it in the front rank of rare and choice varieties. Also it is the first to bloom, and is a free and continuous bloomer until frost. Stock limited. \$3.00

Merry Widow. D .- Extraordinary flower commanding immediate attention. Enormous flowers carried on stiff stems, held erect. Coloring is clear yellow, suffused with red. A most handsome colored Marguerite White. D.—This new white, is a very good cut flower, as it has good stems, and keeps well when cut, free bloomer.....\$2.00 Maid of the Mist. D .- This magnificent Dahlia has been a prize winner ever since a seedling. In color, a lovely deep cream shading to a beautiful salmon pink on the outer petals which roll back to a depth of four inches, prettily pointed and twisted. These beautiful, delightful blendings are glorious to behold, with its attractive formation and exquisite colorings. The vigorous plants are always laden with immense glowing blossoms, nine to eleven inches in diameter.... \$5.00 Marie Louise. D .- No collection is complete without this wonderful variety. The large double flowers are a beautiful yellow with a faint touch of salmon pink blending towards the outside petals, which gives the flower a wonderful appearance......\$2.50 Mariposa. H. C.—This was one of the most beautiful Dahlias in the Eastern shows and gardens last year and won many first prizes. A perfectly formed hybrid type composed of long, narrow incurved petals which twist and curl. A delightful shade of true pink which is intensified by a deeper colored center. A faint violet suffusion adds to the effect. The veining of the petals heightens the beauty and increases the novelty of the coloring. One of the gigantic California introductions which has depth as well as diameter. An absolutely firm, stiff stem. A center which is regular and perfect throughout the season. Blooms early and keeps full of flowers the entire fall..\$3.50 M. H. De Young. D.—Pure old gold, with scarcely any variation in color except perhaps the center is illuminated with a slightly brighter The first flowers do not perceptibly vary from the last ones Always a mass of immense deep blossoms, which are in coloring. borne high on absolutely stiff stems, which have a pleasing habit of Mildred Hall. D.—This new Dahlia, which we are introducing, for the originator, is a light yellow, in the early season, later its center becomes a dark fawn, which makes it very attractive, the stem is the Moonlight. D.—Large, massive flowers, light primrose-yellow or cream color; strong stems holding the flowers erect...........\$1.00 Mrs. E. A. Oliver. D.—The flower is a giant and held aloft on a stiff stem. The color is a deep old rose, enhanced by a golden suffusion. Our bushes bore a profusion of flowers, and everybody who saw it, wanted it in his bouquet. Recommended also highly for exhibiting....\$3.00 Mrs. Eleanor Martin. D.—This we think is one of the finest Dahlias we grew last season, in fact we sold more of it than any other, in our show grounds, except Siskiyou. It is a Giant flower on good stems. two and three blooms open at once, on a plant about three feet tall,

- Mrs. Jessie Maxwell. D.—This is one of our own introductions, which we have been growing for the past three years, but it has sold so well in the show grounds that we have never had stock enough to catalog it before. Color a lavender pink, fine stem, good bloomer, and keeps well when cut ......\$2.50
- Mordella. D.—One of the finest flowers of its color, exhibited last season. A clear shade of apricot buff, 9 inch bloom held erect on stems 2 to 3 feet long. This we think is worth double the amount charged by the originator. Plants.......\$2.50. Tubers, \$5.00
- Mrs. John M. Root. H. C.—1924 Introduction. An enormous canary yellow hybrid cactus. One of the largest Dahlias ever grown. The petals are long, broad and slightly twisted giving the flower great diameter and depth. The bush growth is remarkable, plants attaining a height of six to seven feet, holding the massive blooms well above your head. It won the Penna. Hort. Society Silver Medal in 1922 for the best two year old seedling, and again in 1923 for the best three year old seedling, also won first in class calling for the best vase of twenty-five blooms. Plants...............................\$5.00 Tubers, \$10.00
- New Moon. H. C.—Color canary yellow nearly always with white tips. A very free bloomer, straight stems and it possesses all good points both for exhibition and garden work.....\$2.00

- Priscilla Dean. H. C.—A wonderful flower, on a long, straight stem, holding it well above the foliage, measuring 8 inches in diameter, with a depth of 4 inches, without forcing. Color a pleasing shade of lavender. A flower with but one fault, it is a late bloomer......\$5.00
- Rose Ellen Varble. C.—Pure deep rose pink, flowers medium size, erect stems holding the blooms above the foliage. A very profuse flowering variety. This is the best true pink we have ever grown......\$5.00

- Siskiyou. H. C.—Pink-tinged mauve. This produced the largest flowers I have grown, it has created a sensation wherever shown, and attracted more attention than any other flower in our gardens the past summer. The plants are extra sturdy and vigorous, and the flowers are held perfectly erect on strong stems, 3 ft. Plants..\$4.00. Tubers, \$10.00
- Snowdrift. D.—This giant white deserves its name. A very full deepbuilt flower with broad, waxy petals. It is beyond question the finest pure white Dahlia in cultivation......\$1.00
- St. Bernard. C.—This is one of the largest Dahlias today in cultivation. In color a soft creamy white suffused with a clear pink. Has a very good stiff stem. One of the best for exhibition..........\$3.00
- Sunny South. H. C.—This we regard as the finest pure yellow Dahlia we have seen in any class. The color is a bright clear yellow without any shading, the flowers are immense in size, most pleasing in form, very full and deep in the center. The plants are quite dwarf and sturdy in habit; the flowers are held erect......\$5.00

- Tehachepi. H. C.—Very large flowers of canary yellow on fine stems; flowers similar to Gladys Sherwood in shape, might also be called a Yellow Gladys Sherwood, and are produced in such abundance as to make it one of the bright spots in the garden......\$3.50
- Uncle Sam—The largest and most wonderful new flower to date. A prize winner wherever exhibited and the sensation at the A. D. S. Show. Color, orange buff at base of petals shading to bittersweet pink at

tips. All overlaid with a beautiful golden sheen. Center petals mustard yellow streaked with deep rose pink and beautifully curled and twisted. Reverse side of petals shaded spinel red. This flower is really impossible to describe. It is immense in size measuring 8 to 10 inches without disbudding and is held erect above the foliage on stiff stems from 2 to 4 feet long. Every lover of the Dahlias should have one. No home or garden complete without "Uncle Sam." \$5.00
Union Jack. C.—A striking novelty. Large, red incurved petal tipped
white. One of the most attractive Cactus Dahlias\$1.00
Venus. D.—This is again a very lovely variety, large flowers being pro-
duced freely on strong, stiff stems. While it is most attractive in the
garden, its special value is for cut flowers. The color is a soft beau-
tiful shade of creamy white with lavender suffusion. Extra fine
grower\$1.00
Water Lily. H. C.—A most beautiful Dahlia which is being offered this
season for the first time, the color is deep peach pink. In the early
part of the season it is rather dark, but becomes lighter, as the plant
grows older, the stem is very good, holding the flowers perfectly
erect, and the blooming quality is all that could be desired \$2.50
Welcome. A giant Decorative of fine form and great depth, petals quite
broad. The color is a lovely shade of ivory, blending to a soft yellow,
the reverse of petals a deep apricot. Is a dwarf grower and the first
bloom will come low in the bush and should be well disbudded. The
late flowers are all large and stand up well on good heavy stems.
Lasts for days when cut. Plants\$2.00 Tubers, \$3.00
William Andrews. D.—This is another of our own seedlings, which sold
so fast in the show grounds, that we have never had enough stock
to catalog it before. Color is bright red, reverse of petals old gold,
petals twist in such a manner that it is given the appearance of a red
flower with a gold tip, the stem is all that could be desired, and plant
is a free bloomer. While with us an average flower is 8 inches, it was
grown to 11 inches in Florida last winter\$2.50
World's Best White. D.—This is well named, as it is one of the best white
Dahlias to date, flowers are large, and stem good\$5.00

## Pompon Dahlias

Why not grow a few of these miniature Dahlias? We assure you that you will be delighted when you see what a beautiful table decoration they make. One of the most lasting of the Dahlia family.

Aimee—Bronze, very small. Achilles-Delicate lavender, tinted lilac. Belle of Springfield—Deep red, one of the smallest. Candy Kid - New, coral pink, shading to lavender, 75c. Bronze Beauty — Bronze, small and pretty. Catherine—Bright yellow. Clarissa-Flesh pink. Dee Dee - Pure lavender, small and dainty. Fairy Queen-Yellow, edged coral pink. George Ireland—Mauve. Girlie—Lilac. Goldie-Pure gold, tiny flower. 75c.

Gretchen Heine — Blush white, light rose tips. Hazel-Buff, deepening to brown. Jessica—Amber, edged red. Little Beeswing - Golden yellow, heavily tipped red. Little Jennie-Cream. Marguerite-Deep lilac. Midget-Salmon and pink. Narissa-Light pink. Nelly Frazer—White, tipped rose. Phoebe—Orange and red.
Phyllis—Deep yellow, shaded red. Purity-White. Rosea-Pretty shade of blush lilac, one of the best. Sunny Day-Break-Apricot, edged red. Wee Gracie—White and lavender.

Winifred—White, tipped lavender.

\$0.50 each except where noted. One dozen assorted, \$3.00

One dozen named, our selection, \$4.00

Dahlias Mixed in Handling.....\$2.00 Doz.

Money back if not satisfied.

Dahlia Seed will bloom in ten weeks after planting. Sow in the house in March and transplant as soon as danger of frost is past in the open ground.

100	Seeds	 \$1.00
100	Selected Seeds	5.00





The tuber shear, are illustrated above, is manufactured expressly for Dahlia growers. They are the only shear on the market that will divide clumps of tubers, easily, without loss. These are manufactured by the same firm that makes the disbudding shear, and we can guarantee the quality and workmanship, length inches. Price.....\$2.50

#### Fertilizer.

We have made arangements with the firm that furnishes us with all the bone meal we use, to supply our customers. This is the only fertilizer we use and have always found it to grow the finest flowers, and give us strong, healthy tubers. The price is cheap when you consider the quality you are getting.

5 lbs., 40c; 10 lbs., 60c; 50 lbs., \$2.50; 100 lbs., \$4.00; 200 lbs., \$7.00; 500 lbs., \$15.00; 1 ton, \$30.00. F. O. B. Trenton.

## Dahlia Culture

AHLIAS do best in a light, porous soil, with good drainage. Wet feet are as fatal to them as to roses. While they do fairly well in twenty-five per cent. shade, an open location, in full sunshine, is much to be desired. Do not have the soil too rich, for too much fertilizer, too much water, or too much shade, will cause the plants to grow tall and rank, but almost barren of blooms. Heavy clay soil should be made light and friable by adding ashes or sand, 40 per cent. being none too much. Cultivation is everything with dahlias. Never allow the top of the ground to become hard and baked. Keep it finely pulverized with hoe or rake, particularly so during dry weather. In 1923 the season was a poor one for dahlias in many parts of the East, the weather being dry and hot. If your dahlias do not do well any year the weather may be to blame. Do not blame the grower from whom you bought your tubers. Your soil, your failure to cultivate often enough. plus your weather, may account for ill success. Do not plant too early, the tubers may rot during a cold wet spell. Plant six to seven inches deep, laying tuber flat, sprout side uppermost; cover two inches, and fill in the rest of the soil as the plant grows. This may keep tuber from rotting. Do not plant when the soil is sticky-wet after rains. Do not let fresh fertilizer touch the tuber. Use a cupful of bone meal to a plant, and if you add any barnyard manure to very infertile soil, be sure the manure is old, well-rotted, and mixed thoroughly in the soil. A small tuber is as good, often better, than a big one. Dahlias may be planted from the first of May to the first of July. June first is about right. The dahlia is an autumn flower and blooms best when the heat of August has passed away. Follow our suggestions, and write us of your success in the fall. We have far better success from plowing manure into the ground in the fall where it can decay all winter, and at planting time using wood ashes scratched into the top soil (not over two inches, lest the roots be injured) when the flower buds show, will increase brilliancy of color of blooms and improve the tubers, for all root crops require potash. Flower buds usually appear in threes; pinch off two, leaving the largest one, and obtain much finer blooms. Scrape away enough earth to make a basin-shaped hollow two feet in diameter about each plant, sprinkle a generous handful of sheep or poultry manure; slowly pour in three buckets of water; fill the hollow with earth after the water disappears. Repeat this every ten days and your blooms will be large and fine. After frost kills the plants dig carefully lest the necks of the tubers be broken; dry half a day in the sun and air, and pack closely,

stems downward, in paper-lined barrels and boxes, covering top carefully with paper, and then with old rugs, or bags. The clumps of tubers must not dry out during the winter, or the buds will be injured, very probably killed. Look them over now and then, covering more carefully if need be, and scraping off all mold or rot that may develop. When you receive our tubers, unpack immediately, check up to verify order, and keep them in moist but not wet earth or sand till planted.



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